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LETTER DATED 5 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Salem Basendwah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen, together with the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Yemen.

I would like to request you to circulate them as documents of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla S. AL-ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 6 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Republic of Yemen received Security Council resolution 924 (1994) concerning the situation in the Republic of Yemen on Thursday, 2 June 1994. The Council of Ministers immediately convened an emergency session, following which the annexed statement was issued.

As you will find in the statement, the fact that the Government of the Republic of Yemen welcomed the resolution - in spite of its statement before its adoption that what is happening in the Republic of Yemen is an internal matter - is due to the fact that the resolution is based on the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, which prompted my Government to express its readiness to approach the resolution in a positive spirit and to implement it in full.

On the basis of the above, I should like in this letter to affirm that my country's commitment to the implementation of the resolution is a commitment stemming from its keen desire to achieve security and stability throughout the Republic of Yemen, on the basis of the legitimate and irreducible rights conferred by the Charter on all States Members of the United Nations, first and foremost the right of States to sovereignty and independence and their right to maintain their territorial integrity and not to permit intervention in their internal affairs, directly or indirectly.

This approval emanates from constitutional legitimacy and the bases and principles of international law on the basis of which the Yemen Republic was accepted as a full Member of the international Organization and other regional and international organizations. I hope that you will take into consideration the fact that the Government of the Republic of Yemen's acceptance of the above-mentioned resolution is also based on the inadmissibility of its use by those rebelling against legitimacy in the Republic of Yemen to serve their illegitimate ends. The Government of the Republic of Yemen would regard that as a blatant violation of the resolution.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen considers that once its official approval has been issued and notified to the international Organization, it is up to the United Nations to take a resolute stand regarding any attempt to use this resolution, which was adopted by international legitimacy, for illegitimate purposes by those rebelling against legitimacy in our country.

On the basis of all of the above, I, on behalf of the Republic of Yemen, transmit to you my Government's approval of resolution 924 (1994). With reference to the first operative paragraph of the resolution, the cease-fire will take effect on the fighting front at 1200 hours on Monday/Tuesday, 6/7 June 1994.

With regard to the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to investigate the facts in the Republic of Yemen, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, we shall welcome his arrival in the capital, Sana'a, at such time as he deems appropriate. We express our confidence in his capability, wisdom and lengthy experience and shall provide him with all the facilities necessary for the success of his mission.

(Signed) Mohamed Salem BASENDWAH
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Yemen

Annex II

[Original: Arabic]

Decision dated 3 June 1994 from the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Yemen

The Council of Ministers continued its deliberations on Security Council resolution 924 (1994) concerning the situation in the Republic of Yemen and issued the following statement:

"The Government of the Republic of Yemen, having taken cognizance of Security Council resolution 924 (1994) of 1 June 1994 concerning the situation in the Republic of Yemen, expressing its appreciation of the text of the resolution, which deals with the situation in our country from the viewpoint of the national unity and constitutional legitimacy of the Republic of Yemen and on the basis of the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, first and foremost the principles of national sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-intervention in internal affairs, with a view to ensuring a halt to the bloodshed and the commencement of dialogue that will lead to the peaceful resolution of internal disputes and the restoration of peace and stability in our country,

"Now therefore the Government of the Republic of Yemen affirms its readiness to approach the resolution in a positive spirit and in such a manner as to bring about its implementation in full by all those concerned."